

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A stabilized thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) comprising

(i) 0.1 to 5% by weight of one or more phenolic antioxidants and

(ii) 0.01 to 2.5% by weight of one or more metal deactivators selected from the group consisting of 2-(2-benzimidazolyl)phenol, 3-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)-2-naphthol, 2-(2-benzoxazolyl)phenol, 4-diethylamino-2,2'-dioxy-5-ethylazobenzenes, 3-methyl-4-(2-oxy-5-methylphenylazo)-1-phenyl-5-pyrazolones, tris(2-tert-butyl-4-thio(2'-methyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-tert-butyl)phenyl-5-methyl)phenyl-phosphite, decamethylenedicarboxy-disalicyloylhydrazides, 3-salicyloylamino-1,2,4-triazole, 2',3-bis((3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionyl))propionhydrazide, 2,2'-oxamidobis(ethyl-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionates), derivatives of hydrazine, derivatives of oxamide, triazole derivatives of salicylaldehyde and hydrazine derivatives of salicylaldehyde, based on the total weight of the TPU.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1, further comprising (iii) one or more flameproofing agents.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): A film-laminated flat conductor comprising thermoplastic polyurethane.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A film-laminated flat conductor as claimed in claim 6, which comprises stabilized thermoplastic polyurethane comprising (i) one or more antioxidants and (ii) one or more metal deactivators.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A film-laminated flat conductor which comprises two films of thermoplastic polyurethane or two films of said stabilized thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1 adhering to one another, a metal strip or a plurality of metal strips having a thickness of from 1 to 500 μm being laminated between said films.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A process for the production of said film-laminated flat conductor as claimed in claim 6, the process comprising:

providing two TPU films and then incorporating metal strips between said two films or coextruding TPU films with one or more metal strips.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A method of preparing a means of transport, an electrical apparatus or a machine, said method comprising:

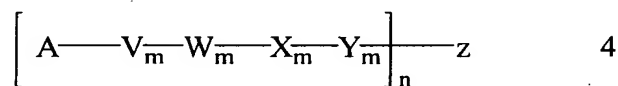
preparing said film-laminated flat conductor as claimed in claim 6 in the form of said means of transport, said electric apparatus or said machine.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An electrical apparatus, machine and/or means of transport comprising said film-laminated flat conductor as claimed in claim 6.

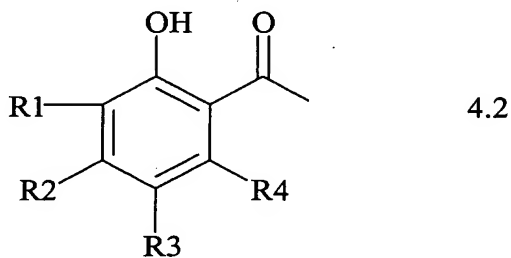
Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A method of producing a film, a roller, a fiber, a cladding in automobiles, a hose, a cable connector, a bellow, a trailing cable, a cable sheath, a seal, a belt and/or a film-laminated flat conductor, the method comprising:

forming the stabilized thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1 into said film, said roller, said fiber, said cladding in automobiles, said hose, said cable connector, said bellow, said trailing cable, said cable sheath, said seal, said belt and/or said film-laminated flat conductor.

Claim 13 (New): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1, wherein the triazole derivatives of salicylaldehyde and hydrazine derivatives of salicylaldehyde have the following formula 4:

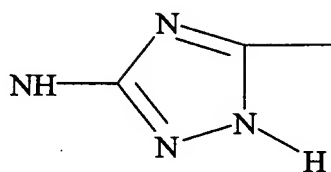


wherein A is a salicylaldehyde radical according to formula 4.2:



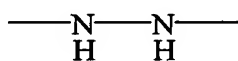
wherein R1-R4, independently of one another, are H, OH, halogen, NO₂, NH₂, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkyl radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkenyl, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkynyl radical or haloalkyl radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkoxy radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkylamino radical, containing primary and/or secondary and/or tertiary amines, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkylthio radical or a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C12 alkoxy carbonyl radical,

V_m is a triazole radical according to formula 4.3:



4.3

or a hydrazine radical according to formula 4.4:



4.4

W_m and Y_m are absent or, independently of one another, are a carbonyl group,

X_m is absent or is a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched C1-C30 alkylene radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C30 alkenyl radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C30 alkynylene radical, a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C30 alkoxy radical or a linear, branched or cyclic C1-C30 alkylamino radical containing primary amino groups,

z is optional and is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a carbon atom, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a nitrogen atom, an NH_{3-o} group, a phosphorus atom, a methyl radical, a methenyl radical, a methynyl radical, a monovalent, divalent or trivalent to hexavalent diol radical, a triol radical, a polyol radical having a higher OH than 3 functionality, or an amino alcohol or diamine radical,

n is an integer from 1 to 6,

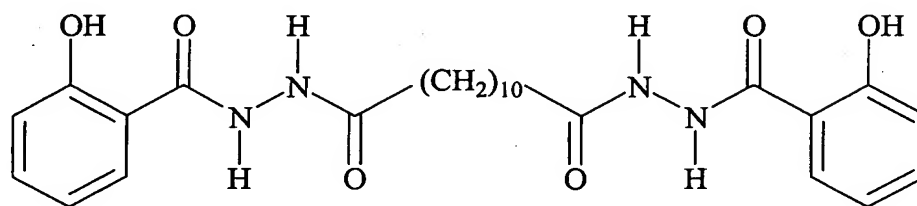
m is an integer from 1 to n , and

o in the expression NH_{3-o} is an integer from 1 to 3.

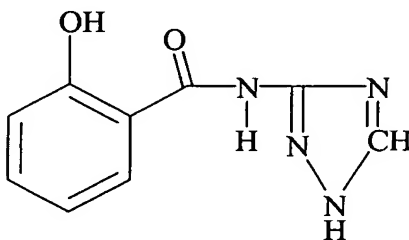
Claim 14 (New): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 13, wherein V_m is a triazole radical according to formula 4.3.

Claim 15 (New): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 13, wherein V_m is a hydrazine radical according to formula 4.4.

Claim 16 (New): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (ii) has the following formula:



Claim 17 (New): A thermoplastic polyurethane as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (ii) has the following formula:



DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to be consistent with the Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets.

Claim 1 has been amended by limiting component (ii) to triazole derivatives of salicylaldehyde and hydrazine derivatives of salicylaldehyde, and by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 2 therein. Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled.

New Claims 13-17 have been added, and are supported in the specification at page 7, line 1 through page 9, line 21.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1, 3, and 6-17 are now pending in the application.